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SUBJECT: ECE - TRADE ITEM

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1. ECE PLENARY DEALT WITH TRADE ITEM APRIL 16 AND 17 AND
CONCLUDED WITH DECISION ALONG LINES PARA 7 OF E/ECE/880.

2. DISCUSSION IN GENERAL NON-CONTENTIOUS WITH DELEGATES
(A) PRAISING PRAGMATIC ECE WORK PROGRAM, (B) GIVING STATISTICS
SHOWING SATISFACTORY DEVELOPMENT OF E/W TRADE, (C) RECOUNTING
NEW BILATERAL E/W AGREEMENTS, (D) AND EXPECTING EARLY CON-
CLUSION OF CSCE TO GIVE POSITIVE NEW IMPETUS TO ECE TRADE
WORK. EASTERN REPS ALL ADDED POINT THAT ECE WORK IN DETAILED
PROBLEMS, WHILE USEFUL, WAS NOT ADEQUATE, AND THAT SOLUTIONS
ALSO HAD TO BE SOUGHT FOR MAJOR POLICY PROBLEMS STANDING IN
WAY DEVELOPMENT E/W TRADE, I.E. DISCRIMINATION AND LACK OF MFN.
MOST CRITICIZED (IN NON-EMOTIONAL MANNER) EUROPEAN
DISCRIMINATORY QRS, AND JACKSON-VANIK, WHICH WAS
DESCRIBED AS INADMISSIBLE INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC
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AFFAIRS. EASTERN REPS ALSO ARGUED INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT

AND OTHER MANIFESTATIONS OF CRISES IN WESTERN ECONOMIES INTERFERED WITH TRADE AND SHOWED MERITS OF "STABLE" EASTERN SYSTEM. NUMBER OF EASTERN REPS ALSO NOTED AND PRAISED RECENT FINNISH "FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS" WITH EASTERN COUNTRIES.

3. ALBANIA MADE POLITICAL STATEMENT ATTACKING INFLUENCE OF SUPER-POWERS, MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, INFLATION, PRICE MANIPULATION, ETC. IN PARTICULAR CRITICIZED TARIFF-RAISING AUTHORITY IN U.S. TRADE ACT.

4. SINCE FORMAL TRADE DEBATE CONCLUDED LATE APRIL 17, US HAD TO SPEAK BEFORE RECEIPT OF REFTEL, AND THUS MADE STATEMENT AS ORIGINALLY PREPARED. AS FIRST SPEAKER APRIL 18 ON "INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION" ITEM, SUPPLEMENTED APRIL 17 TRADE STATEMENT WITH PARA 1 REFTEL CONCERNING INTENTION OF ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK NEW LEGISLATION.DALE

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